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MOAPIA Update Newsletter

Agency Updates, Events and Announcements, Employment Opportunities, and more from the DC Mayor's Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs (MOAPIA)

A Message from the Director

Dear Community Members,

With recent news of Hurricane Joaquin's impact on the Bahamas and the possibility of its effect on the East Coast, we were lucky it missed the District. However, as we enter the hurricane season there may be other storms in the next several months and it is important that residents prepare for the possibility of heavy rain, flooding, and wind this season. I urge you to read about storm preparedness by visiting Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency's [website](#) and exploring the services they offer.

You can also sign up for [Alert DC](#) to receive real-time disaster messages that always keep you updated.

HSEMA has many great resources to help you and your loved ones understand how to prepare for, respond to, and recover from all types of disasters.

I encourage you to all use these resources to stay safe, warm, and happy for the upcoming season!

Warm regards,

David Do

Director, DC Mayor's Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs



MOAPIA News

MOAPIA Welcomes Fall Interns

Jasmine Liu recently joined the Mayor's Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs as a fall



**Mayor's Office on Asian
and Pacific Islander
Affairs**

Office Hours

Monday - Friday
8:30 am - 6:00 pm

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The DC Mayor's Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs hopes to create a more cohesive Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) community in the District of Columbia.

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Jasmine Liu

sociopolitical awareness.

During her time at MOAPIA, Jasmine hopes to reach out to the AAPI community to encourage more youth to take part in community and public service, and hopes to assist with the challenges that the AAPI community faces in the District.



Christine Nguyen

during her time as a student that she cultivated a curiosity for how culture, with its many historical dimensions, intersects with the basic facets of psychological development and the many sociological models at work today to form and continually evolve a sense of personal identity. She hopes to gain a greater understanding of this during her time at MOAPIA.

intern. She is currently pursuing a Master's degree in International Peace and Conflict Resolution at the American University's School of International Service. Prior to moving to Washington, D.C., Jasmine served as an education volunteer in rural China in the Peace Corps teaching college English to nursing students. While in the Peace Corps, Jasmine developed proposals and organized conferences to introduce American diversity and teach leadership development to her students and spearheaded the first women's group on her campus to discuss gender equality and raise

As a recent University of California, Santa Barbara graduate, **Christine Nguyen** joined the Mayor's Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs as an intern this past September. With an avid interest in social justice, her past experiences include interning for Boat People SOS as an English instructor to Vietnamese refugees residing in Thailand and working for DeafandHoH.com as a writer.

While studying psychology at UCSB, Christine developed a great interest in language; she has formally studied Arabic, Russian, Spanish, and Thai during her time as an undergraduate. It was

Tai Chi Classes Continue through FY16

MOAPIA is excited to announce that weekly Tai Chi classes will continue at Chinatown Park until September 30, 2016. Classes are held every Thursday at 8 am. When the weather gets cooler, MOAPIA will host the class indoors (location TBD).

If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact Kelly Jeong at kangeun.jeong@dc.gov or (202)-727-3120.



Free Tai Chi Class

Every Thursday, 8 AM

Location: **Chinatown Park**
6th and I (eye) St NW



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MURIEL BOWSER, MAYOR



DC 老人活动 免费太极课

每周星期四 早上8点

地点: 中国城公园

在5街与6街之间中华会馆对面



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**AAPI Action Forum - Preliminary Report Available
Online**



On September 12, MOAPIA hosted its first Asian American Pacific Islanders (AAPI) and Multicultural Communities Action Forum. During this forum, District members worked collaboratively to provide input regarding pressing issues in their communities and made suggestions on key areas they would like to see improvements in.

MOAPIA created a Preliminary Report based on the responses and feedback that were provided throughout the day, so that participants would be able to reference and see the types of suggestion and inputs they contributed. MOAPIA will use this data to create strategies, implementable policies, and develop relationships with other agencies to better serve the needs of District residents and small business members.

The Preliminary Report is available in English, Chinese, Korean, and Vietnamese on MOAPIA's website [here](#).

MOAPIA Created a Google Group!

Join MOAPIA's
Google Group

Share news and events in your community with fellow DC residents. Get direct updates from MOAPIA.



<https://groups.google.com/d/forum/dcmoapia>

The [MOAPIA Google Group](#) was created so that community members can have a space to connect with fellow like-minded individuals interested in all things AAPI.

Members are encouraged to share their own news or events that are happening in DC (whether it be an upcoming happy hour, film screening, workshop, etc). MOAPIA will occasionally post updates on current and upcoming events/initiatives.

The space is also a way for members to get their questions answered regarding government programs and services. Have a question about sidewalk repairs, small business support, safety, language access, or any other topic? Post your questions on the forum! Or if you just want to voice a concern you have or concerns about your neighborhood, post it there and we will be sure to follow-up.

We look forward to hearing from you and finding ways to better serve you.

Feel free to share this great space with others!

Link: <https://groups.google.com/d/forum/dcmoapia>

MOAPIA in the Community

9/26 - Chinatown and Mt. Vernon Community Picnic

On September 26, 2015, MOAPIA hosted the Chinatown & Mount Vernon Community Picnic, the last event of the Chinatown Park Start FRESH! series. Over 60 community members gathered in Chinatown Park to enjoy music, cultural performances, mooncakes, and free fitness classes such as yoga, hula, and volleyball.

Special thanks to the following organizations for making the picnic possible:

DC Department of Parks and Recreation, Chinese Community Church, Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association (CCBA), Mount Vernon Triangle CID, Chinatown Community Cultural Center (CCCC), Chinese Youth Club, 1882 Foundation, ANC 2C & ANC 6E, DowntownDC BID, Destination DC, and Penn Quarter Neighborhood Association!

More photos can be found on our Facebook album [here](#).



Volleyball demonstration by the Chinese Youth Club



Seniors after mooncake distribution, provided by the Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association

Events and Announcements

Community Calendar

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Pledge to End Homelessness in DC



Mayor Bowser has a plan, Homeward DC, to make homelessness rare, brief and non-recurring in the District. In her first budget, Mayor Bowser made historic investments in Homeward DC plan and in the solutions that we know will work to end homelessness. Now, Mayor Bowser is announcing a set of legislative and administrative measures to ensure these investments make the biggest impact on the

lives of DC residents experiencing or at-risk of homelessness. Learn more about the Homeward DC by visiting mayor.dc.gov/homewardDC that will end homelessness in DC. Sign the pledge to help community members who experience homelessness find a place to call home.

10/22 - Lights On Afterschool



The poster for 'Lights On Afterschool' features the title in large blue letters with a glowing lightbulb over the word 'ON'. Below the title, it states the date 'Thursday, October 22, 2015' and the time '4 pm - 7 pm'. It also mentions 'All are welcome' and the location 'Raymond Recreation Center • 3725 10th St, NW'. A photograph shows children engaged in various activities like reading and using a computer. Text on the right explains that the event is a nationwide celebration of afterschool programs. Logos for DPR and DC are at the top right, and a vertical red bar on the far right contains social media icons and the text 'Follow us @dc-dpr'. At the bottom, contact information is provided: 'For more information, contact cecily.mendie@dc.gov or (202) 671-2181' and 'dpr.dc.gov Community Recreation'.

LIGHTS ON AFTERSCHOOL

Thursday, October 22, 2015
4 pm - 7 pm
All are welcome
Raymond Recreation Center • 3725 10th St, NW

Lights On Afterschool is the only nationwide event celebrating afterschool programs and their important role in the lives of children, families and communities. This event will draw attention to the many ways afterschool programs support students by offering them opportunities to learn new things. Raymond Recreation Center is seeking to showcase our wide gamut of programs as well as create an environment of fun through engaging craft, culinary and STEAM focused activities.

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Raymond Recreation Center (3725 10 St. NW, Washington, DC 20010)

For more information, email cecily.mendie@dc.gov or call (202) 671-2181.

10/29 - Dance Day: A celebration of Indian Dance and culture

Dance Day

A celebration of Indian Dance and culture

The Atlas Performing Arts Center
1333 H St NE, Washington, DC 20002

October 29, 2015

panel discussion begins at 6 p.m.

Refreshments will be provided by the Embassy of India

Performances throughout the day by Dakshina / Daniel Phoenix Singh Dance Company,
FREE community performances featuring DC region Indian dance school ♦ Professional Indian dance artist panel discussion
Co-Sponsored by the Embassy of India and The DC Mayor's Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs, featuring:
Dr. Mallika Sarabhai ♦ Prof. CV Chandrasekhar ♦ Rama Valdyanathan ♦ Alif Lalla



Embassy of India
Washington, D.C., USA



WWW.DAKSHINA.ORG

- FREE community performances featuring DC region Indian dance school
- Professional Indian dance artist panel discussion

Thursday, October 29, 2015 | 6 pm

The Atlas Performing Arts Center (1333 H St NE, Washington, DC 20002)

For more information, visit www.dakshina.org or call (202) 656-5679.

Employment Opportunities

Career Connections

The MOAPIA [Career Connections](#) page promotes, engages, and serves the AAPI community in the District of Columbia by sharing MOAPIA, District of Columbia government agency, and community employment opportunities, internships, scholarships, grants, and more. Please check the Career Connections page regularly for updates.

To submit announcements for the website, please contact opia@dc.gov. All listings will be on the website until the end date of the posting deadline or up to one month.

The University of the District of Columbia Community College Offers Free Training for DC Residents

UDC-CC's Division of Workforce Development and Lifelong Learning offers programs at no cost to DC residents. Their programs offer students the ability to earn industry recognized certifications recognized in 5 career pathways.

For more information, visit UDC's website at <http://cc.udc.edu/> or contact them at workforce@udc.edu.



Workforce Development and Lifelong Learning

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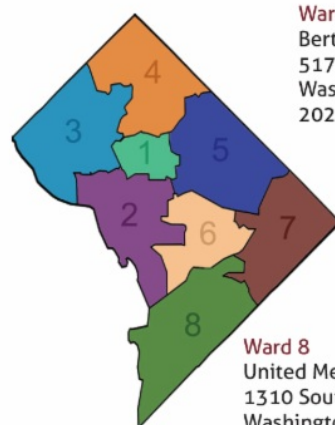


WDLL's mission is to reduce unemployment and underemployment in the District of Columbia by enhancing the skills of its residents.

Training is focused on the industries that are hiring in the DC metropolitan area.

- Healthcare
- Information Technology and Office Administration
- Construction
- Transportation
- Hospitality
- Professional Development

Workforce Development and Lifelong Learning (WDLL) Locations



Ward 5
Bertie Backus
5171 South Dakota Avenue NE
Washington DC 20017
202-274-7209

Ward 6
Main Campus
801 North Capitol Street NE
Washington DC 20002
202-274-7181

Ward 7
Marion Shadd
5601 East Capitol Street SE
Washington DC 20019
202-274-5617

Ward 8
Patricia Roberts Harris
4600 Livingston Road SE
Washington DC 20032
202-274-6999

Ward 8
United Medical Center
1310 Southern Avenue SE
Washington DC 20032
202-574-6854

Ward 8
St. Elizabeths
R.I.S.E. Demonstration Center
2730 Martin Luther King, Jr. Avenue SE
Washington DC 20032

For more information, visit us at <http://cc.udc.edu/> or contact us at workforce@udc.edu

The Washington Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) is Recruiting Bilingual Police Officers



The Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) is looking for individuals who are problem-solvers, who enjoy working with others in all types of settings and circumstances, and ultimately, people who want to make a difference in the lives of others. MPD offers a very competitive starting salary, with police officers who are certified as fluent in any language other than English receiving additional pay, as well as a plethora of benefits. So if you think you have what it takes to be a part of one of the top police departments in the country, apply today!

According to the Census Bureau figures, the Washington, D.C. population is growing at its fastest pace in decades. As our Asian American and Pacific Islander community also continues to grow, the need for new police officers who are bilingual increases. MPD is therefore reaching out to all of our ethnic communities as we expand to meet the changing needs of our city. In Fiscal Year 2014 and beyond, MPD will be hiring approximately 300 new police officers annually.

To find out more about MPD police officer careers, call the Recruiting Division toll free at 1-800-994-MPDC (6732), or if you are in the Washington area at (202) 645-0445. The office is located at 101 M Street Southwest, Washington, D.C. 20024. MPD invites you to please visit the website for more detailed information on this exciting career opportunity.

For more information, or to apply, please visit:

- <http://mpdc.dc.gov/page/join-metropolitan-police-department>
- <http://mpdc.dc.gov/page/salary-and-benefits>
- <http://mpdc.dc.gov/page/police-officer-selection-process>

DC Department of Employment Services (DOES) Resources



The District of Columbia Department of Employment Services (DOES) was created to develop "Jobs for People and People for Jobs."

DOES provides job-seekers with a number of employment opportunities through its [American Job Centers](#). Each center provides career counseling, career planning, resume assistance, direct job placement, classroom and on-the-job training, access to America's Job Bank (both online and via the phone), information about local and national labor markets, unemployment compensation and much more.

DOES also offers [Project Empowerment](#), a transitional employment program that provides job readiness training and subsidized employment to District residents. Participants attend an intensive three-week training course and are then placed in a subsidized employment opportunity for up to six months, all while working towards securing permanent, unsubsidized employment.

PROJECT EMPOWERMENT

What is PE?

Project Empowerment is a transitional employment program that provides job readiness training, work experience, and job search assistance to District residents who face multiple barriers to employment. PE also provides supportive services such as adult basic education, job coaching and occupational skills training.

Who Do We Serve?

District of Columbia residents who are:

- 22-54 years old
- Currently unemployed
- No receiving government assistance (food stamps are acceptable)
- Not currently using any illegal substances




All potential PE participants must exhibit at least three (3) of the following:

- Basic skills deficiency, demonstrated by a lack of sufficient mastery of basic educational skills and/or an English language deficiency with an inability to speak, read, or write the English language
- Lack of secondary school educational credential
- A documented history of substance abuse
- Homelessness
- A history of job cycling
- A felony conviction

How Do We Operate?

- Program Orientation: Participants are introduced to the program.
- Intake, Assessment, and Case Management: Participants' life and work skills are assessed and assigned to a case manager.
- Supportive Services: Case Managers evaluate participants' needs and recommend necessary support services.
- Job Readiness/Life Skills Training: Participants attend a three-week workshop.
- Employability Activities: Participants gain important employability skills.
- Professional Development: Participants are offered additional coaching.
- Job Retention and Follow-Up: Retention Specialists will be in contact for up to one year following obtainment of permanent employment.

Program participants receive \$9.00 per hour for the duration of their participation beginning with Job Readiness Training

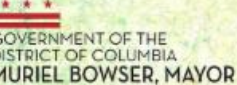




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